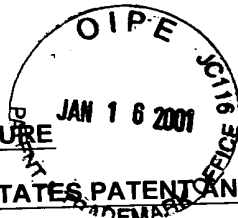


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Docket No. PD-96315

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KAR W. YUNG, et al.

Date: January 12, 2001

Serial No. 08/949,988
Filed: October 14, 1997

Group Art Unit: 3644

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAXIMIZING SATELLITE
CONSTELLATION COVERAGE

Examiner: Tien Dinh

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 13, 2000. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE			
TOTAL CLAIMS	minus *	= 0	x \$ 18.00		\$	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus **	= 0	x \$ 8000		\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		+	\$ 270.00		\$	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					\$	-0-

Charge \$ _____-0-_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37CFR 1.34(a)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2000 (Paper No. 20), in the above-identified application. This response is timely filed as it is being submitted within the three (3) month period set for response. Further, it is being filed within two (2) months after the date of the Office Action to take advantage of the expedited procedure under 37 CFR 1.116.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: